



SAU 83 Newsletter

'Sharing positive information about
Ellis School with the community'

School resumes on August 31, 2009!

Middle School 7:50 - 2:20
Elementary School 8:35 - 3:05

Look for updated bus routes on the
Ellis School website
(First Student phone # is 778-6900)



Dear Community Members of Fremont,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the new superintendent of schools for the Fremont School District. I bring to Fremont nine years of experience as a superintendent as well as over 13 years as a building principal, both at the elementary and middle school levels. Additionally, for over nine years I have served as an adjunct instructor for the College of Graduate Studies at Plymouth State University. I am confident that my background will allow me to assist in moving the district in a continuing journey of school improvement.

In my first weeks in Fremont, I have met a number of individuals throughout the town. These introductory meetings have assisted me in gaining an understanding of the needs of the community and the school. It has been good to meet with town officials, teachers, parents and school administrators in what I hope will be the beginning of an open, sound working relationship. It is evident that improved communication is necessary from my office. Along with improved academic achievement, communication is a primary goal of mine for the upcoming year. With the support of the Fremont School Board, the leadership of Dawn Lewis, John Safina, and the dedication of the teachers and staff of the district it is anticipated that we will show great success in the upcoming months. I look forward to meeting you and discussing the education needs and concerns of the district and the state.

The upcoming school year promises to be a successful one!

Sincerely,
William P. Lander
Superintendent of Schools

PBIS Parent Guidebook

This Fall parents will be receiving a copy of the new PBIS Parent Guidebook. The Parent Guidebook will provide an overview of PBIS and its implementation at Ellis.

What is PBIS?

PBIS is a comprehensive system of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, which aims to improve school culture and climate and improve student behavior so that teachers can teach and children can learn. PBIS supports all students in all school and preschool settings, builds school environments that are more positive, predictable and consistent and supports growth and achievement in academics and social skills. The principles and practices of PBIS can also be used at home and in community settings such as youth athletic teams and youth clubs. PBIS is appropriate for use in early childhood settings, K-12 schools and alternative school settings.

How is PBIS at Ellis implemented?

As a school wide system at Ellis, PBIS addresses both goals of increasing positive behavior and decreasing undesirable behavior. It does this by addressing "both sides of the coin." PBIS teaches and then recognizes positive behaviors that meet the promoted expectations of **Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Prepared** while also laying out a system of consistent consequences for when misbehavior occurs.

Fremont School District website

<http://www.sau83.org>

Fremont Town website

<http://www.fremont.nh.gov>

Upcoming Dates:

- August 31 - First Day of School
- September 7 - Labor Day - No School
- September 8-25 - NWEA testing will happen during this time period, (grades 4-8)
- September 14, Open house, grades K-2
- September 15, Open house, grade 3-4
- September 16 - Middle School Open House
- September 17- Informational night on Special Education
- October 2- Teacher workshop day, no school
- November 2 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Have Questions??

Ellis School: 895-2511

Dawn Lewis	Elementary Principal
John Safina	Middle School Principal
Scott Brown	Facilities Director
Theresa Blades	School Secretary
Sherri Ficker	School Secretary
Nan Perry	Special Ed. Secretary

SAU # 83: 895-6903

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